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In re Application of
Maceri and Hauf
Application No.: 10/790,254
Filed: March 1, 2004
Attorney Docket No: 2814-1-001
For: MEAT PRODUCT FOR FEEDING ANIMALS

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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed September 20, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

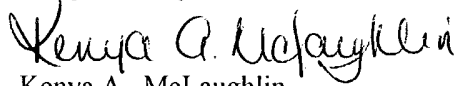
The above-cited application was filed on March 1, 2004, without a declaration and filing fee. On May 20, 2004, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed requiring a properly executed oath or declaration and a surcharge, payment of the filing fee and additional claim fees. The notice set an extendable period for reply of two months from its mailing date. The instant petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) was filed on September 20, 2004, with a request for an extension of time within the second month.

Petitioner has shown that inventor Maceri has constructively refused join the prosecution of the application. The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.


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Dear Mr. Maceri:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a joint inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63. It should be further noted that any assignee of record of the entire interest in the application may request that the inventor(s) be excluded from access to the application. If the request is granted, you will be informed of that fact and will only be permitted to inspect the application on sufficient showing of why such inspection is necessary to conserve your rights. See *MPEP* 106, citing, *In re The Kellogg Switchboard & Supply Company*, 1906 C.D. 274 (Comm'r Pat. 1906).

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Kenya A. McLaughlin at (571) 272-3222. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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